

Enjoying a look at Shed's new base

Mayor Mark Dorrington took a tour of the new Mens' Shed premises on the ground floor of the Welshmill in Parkhill Drive.

A lot of interesting conversation, cups of tea and plenty of repairing is a good way to describe Frome Men's Shed.

"Funds are getting low because we are spending more on units so we need more work more jobs and more donations," explained "Shedder" Anthony Hopkins.

Hopkins explained that they regularly repair small items of furniture for Frome residents in return for donations which has been for now - mainly making planters and fixing chairs.

But it's not all about repairing chairs.

New Chair Phil Courtney told the Frome Standard: "We've made some scooter racks for school children so that they could hang them up. Once, though we helped make some life-sized soldiers for a Boer War exhibition."

Mayor Mark Dorrington who sent the morning chewing the fat with the guys said: "It really impresses me, getting together doing something special and doing useful tasks. I am well aware of the aims and objectives of the Men's Shed, mainly through talking to former Men's Shed chair Patrick Abrahams and by commissioning some planters through the Trinity Community Group; now in place and looking great".

Doug Insall said: "What's great is that there are guys that are experts in everything. One was a silver-smith, while Ray - who is 91-years-old was a football referee back in the day".

Courtney added: "It's not just about beating loneliness. It's about wellbeing which is really important to me. I did not know anyone here before but now I can name everyone!"

Men and women - young and old can get involved at www.fromeshed.org.uk. Membership is open to all



Mayor Mark Dorrington with Ron Carver, President of the Frome Shed, and a jewellery box made for another 'Shedder'

(Over 18). The annual fee for membership of the Frome Men's Shed is £5. Fees for attendance of the Frome

Men's Shed workshop is £3 per session, although they operate on the basis of "Pay what you can" All are

welcome to visit the Men's Shed in Frome any Thursday, between 9am and 1pm.